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**UTILITY
PATENT APPLICATION
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Attorney Docket No.	2-5526-001
First Inventor	Paul H. Mears
Title	SEED METER TRANSFER AND STORING APPARATUS
Express Mail Label No.	EL679461365

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 13]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 4]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 1]
 - a. ☒ Newly executed (original or copy)
 - b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
 - i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)
6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
 - a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
 - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
 - i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
 - ii. ☐ paper
 - c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) ☐ Power of Attorney
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☒ Copies of IDS Citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)
16. ☐ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
17. ☐ Other: _____

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

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Prior application information Examiner _____ Group Art Unit _____

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See 37 CFR 1.27

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101	710	201	355		Utility filing fee	355
106	320	206	160		Design filing fee	
107	490	207	245		Plant filing fee	
108	710	208	355		Reissue filing fee	
114	150	214	75		Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES**

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
11	-20** = 0	0	0
1	-3** = 0	0	0
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103	18	203	9		Claims in excess of 20	
102	80	202	40		Independent claims in excess of 3	
104	270	204	135		Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
109	80	209	40		** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
110	18	210	9		** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$ 0

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105	130	205	65			Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25			Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130			Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520			For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*			Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*			Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55			Extension for reply within first month	
116	390	216	195			Extension for reply within second month	
117	890	217	445			Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,390	218	695			Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,890	228	945			Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	310	219	155			Notice of Appeal	
120	310	220	155			Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	270	221	135			Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510			Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55			Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,240	241	620			Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,240	242	620			Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	440	243	220			Design issue fee	
144	600	244	300			Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130			Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50			Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126	180	126	180			Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40			Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	710	246	355			Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	710	249	355			For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179	710	279	355			Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	900			Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify)

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For: **SEED METER TRANSFER AND
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Dear Sir:

In order to aid the Patent Office in examination of the above identified patent application, the following material information disclosure statement is submitted. The list of patents, publications, or other information is the closest material information I am aware of. Attached to the list is a copy of each item or each item's relevant parts, if available. This statement should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that no better art exists.

Respectfully submitted,

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